

# DISCREPANCIES FOUND IN YOUTH'S STORY OF NEW JERSEY KILLING

## ARREST OF BOY HELD FRAME-UP

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In slaying the Bahmer girl and her secret lover?

Previously Schneider had in a sworn statement to the prosecutor declared he and the Bahmer girl were together on the Thursday and Friday preceding the murder. The murder was on Friday night. On Saturday Schneider and the Bahmer girl were together when they "discovered" the bodies of the minister and the choir singer. Thus, residents ask, if relations between Schneider and the Bahmer girl were so strained as to bring about a murder, why were they together?

Revolver Not Yet Found.

And what purpose would lead Hayes to commit murder to avenge a friend?

County officials admitted they have not found the revolver with which the couple were killed. Neither have they found the watch taken from the minister. The watch, a keep-sake, was removed from his body.

Schneider's alleged confession did not account for the laying out of the bodies, side-by-side, of the minister and Mrs. Mills. The former's straw hat was over his face, while Mrs. Mills had on a veil.

More than all these vital and unexplained discrepancies is found in the verified reports of two automobiles, with mysterious personages in them, including a woman, which dashed from the vicinity of the farm after the murder. Who was in these cars?

The Hayes youth has protested his innocence.

Policemen who searched the Hayes home found a 22-caliber revolver, with a broken trigger. The minister and choir singer were slain with a 32-caliber automatic.

John H. Schneider, father of Raymond Schneider, said he was certain neither his son nor his daughter had anything to do with this crime; neither had been in trouble before.

Frame-up, Says Brother.

Joseph Hayes, brother of Clifford, said:

"This is the biggest frame-up I ever heard of. Nothing is behind it but politics. Why, Cliff never knew anything about firing a revolver. He isn't the type or kind to kill anyone, particularly in the manner the Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills were slain. The whole thing would be a joke if it wasn't so tough on us. Cliff is the goat, that's all."

He said Cliff had eaten and slept normally since the murder was first reported.

"Do you think that would be possible for a boy if he had committed a crime?" Joseph questioned.

James Mills, husband of the slain woman, and his daughter, Charlotte, expressed doubt of the alleged Schneider "confession."

It was wrong from him after thirty-three hours' grilling.

"He might have had to say something just to get away from being questioned," said Charlotte.

Paul Bahmer, the fifteen-year-old girl with whom Hayes and Schneider were reported to be infatuated, intimated that she might be able to spring a sensation if questioned again.

"If I am brought before the authorities I will tell a real story," said Pearl. "I know Clifford did not shoot Mr. Hall or Mrs. Mills."

It was learned that the girl accused Schneider of trying to induce her to poison her stepfather. Schneider is said to have urged the girl to "put laudanum" in the old man's drinks.

PANAMA ONE COUNTRY SHIP RULE WON'T HIT

The United States will not get into trouble with the Republic of Panama as a result of the Daugherty decision barring liquor from American vessels, it developed today at a White House conference between President Harding, Secretary of War Weeks, and Gov. J. J. Morrow of the Canal Zone.

Secretary Weeks had previously held the opinion that liquor destined for Panama could be unloaded at the army docks, but instead it was left at docks belonging to the Republic of Panama.

14 PERSIAN REBELS EXECUTED AT RESHT

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The Persian government leader Seyid Jellat and his followers were executed by machine gunfire in the public square at Resht on orders from the government, said a news dispatch from Teheran today.

ASTED PROCESS GIVES A FLAVOR

CKY TRIKE CIGARETTE

### MR. DOUGH AND MR. DUBB

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PROMINENT FINANCIERS AT BANKERS' CONVENTION. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MR. KALE, MR. JACK, MR. DOUGH, MR. SCADS AND MR. STOX

BANQUET

DOES MR. DOUGH GET HIS PICTURE IN THE PAPER EVERY TIME THERE'S A MAGNATES' BANQUET HE'S THERE WITH THE LITTLE OLD POSE.

MR. DUBB, UNFORTUNATE VICTIM OF YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT, FROM SNAPSHOT BY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER.

DOES MR. DUBB GET HIS PICTURE IN THE PAPER? YEAH, EVERY TIME HE GETS RUN OVER.

AMERICAN PICTORIAL

DOTTED LINE SHOWS ROUTE TAKEN BY VAN AFTER RUNNING OVER DUBB.

FOPPER

## LYLES FREED BY JURORS OF GIRL'S CHARGE

Wife and Sister in Courtroom Embrace Defendant as Verdict Is Read.

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get out. She asked Catherine to come with her, but she refused.

Not Going Home, She Said.

"Catherine told Caroline: 'I am not going home any more. You tell my mother that I've gone to Glen Echo, but don't tell her I won't come back.'"

"Caroline insisted on her girl friend's coming with her. She said: 'Come on, Catherine, I won't have anyone to play with if you don't come back with me.' But Catherine would not accompany her, and insisted on staying with me."

Lyles then told of continuing his drive with the girl. He said he stopped once during the ride to buy two bottles of near beer. This he offered Catherine, but she refused it, he said.

Answer to questions of the defense attorneys, that Catherine was given anything to drink while with him. This statement was made to refute the girl's testimony that Lyles gave her a drink, and that, as a result, she became dazed and did not know what was happening.

"Caroline told me she wasn't going home, that she was going to her aunt's," Mrs. Turner, Lyles' mother, said. "We drove out toward Maryland. I tried to get her to go back home, but she wouldn't. We passed the Soldiers' Home and went into Prince Georges county. The road that we took went past the home of Jack Gittings. As we passed, I saw Charles Readman, a friend of mine, outside. He spoke to me and I drew up. Catherine got into conversation with him, and I had a chance to introduce them."

Called Him "Sweet Uncle."

Lyles said he and the girl then entered the house, and that he lay down on a cot, the girl sitting in a chair beside him.

"She called me 'Sweet Uncle,' and brushed my hair," Lyles testified.

On and off during the evening, said Lyles, the girl went in and out. Charles Readman, Lyles declared, complained of being sick.

"Catherine got very friendly with Charlie, and several times during the evening went over to him and said, 'Poor Charlie, poor Charlie, he's so sick, and I feel so sorry for him.'"

Little Catherine, sitting in the room, ten feet from Lyles, stuck out her tongue at the prisoner, and denied to reporters sitting next her that what Lyles said really occurred.

Lyles said that while he and the girl were in the house Catherine left him for a few minutes and joined Readman, who was sitting on the front porch. The prisoner then repeated an alleged conversation which took place when he walked out on the porch and saw Catherine and Readman talking very earnestly, according to him. The alleged talk was of a nature that could not be published, if it was as recounted by Lyles.

Later in the case State's Attorney Ryan told the jury that if this conversation really occurred, it was the most damaging thing that Lyles could have admitted during the trial.

Go in Search of Horse.

Thomas Bonifort, a neighbor of the Gittings, according to Lyles, came into the house about 1 o'clock in the morning, and told him that his horse had left the stable, and was several blocks down the street. Lyles said that he, Bonifort, Readman and the girl went out of the

## Calls Firemen To Aid Man Caught In Elevator

Following excitement that was caused last night when an elevator descended upon Thomas Loving, colored, twenty-three years old, 1820 Gales street northeast, one of the colored witnesses ran to a fire alarm box and called out No. 2 engine company. The firemen helped extricate Loving, who was trapped by the elevator. He was repairing the cables at 724 Thirteenth street when the elevator descended upon him.

At Emergency Hospital Loving was treated for a bruise on his head.

house, found the animal and brought it back. The girl denies going out of the house in search of the animal.

The defense attempted to bring out from Lyles statements of a delicate nature alleged to have been made by the girl to him. The prosecution objected, and the court went into conference for more than fifteen minutes, finally ruling that such evidence was inadmissible.

In answer to a direct question, Lyles emphatically denied assaulting the girl, and declared: "I never touched her."

In Lyles' examination, Lyles was asked how he introduced young Catherine to his friends at the Gittings' home. He said he could not remember exactly, but thought that he represented her to be his niece or cousin.

Lyles was then asked why he took the girl into Maryland. He repeated that the journey was made to visit the girl's aunt and that when they reached the Gittings home Catherine refused to go further.

"But don't you know," Attorney Ryan asked, "that it was your duty to take that girl home?"

Wouldn't Go, He Says.

"I did, but she wouldn't go," accused answered.

Question—Do you mean to tell the court that you tried again and again, without success, to make the girl go back to her parents?

Answer—"Yes."

Q—"Why did you take her into Maryland?"

(This question was repeated nearly a dozen times, and none of Lyles' answers was accepted as satisfactory to Ryan.)

Q—"Did you take her across the Maryland line?"

A—"No, I never took her anywhere."

Q—"How did she get across the line?"

A—"She got out just before she got to the line and walked across."

Q—"Did you take her to the Gittings home?"

A—"No, I never took her anywhere."

Q—"You mean to tell the court that you, a mature man, were taken to the Gittings home by this girl?"

A—"No, not exactly; but she wouldn't leave me, and there was nothing I could do, so I let her come along. I didn't see no harm in it; she was just going for a little ride."

New Line of Questioning.

The questioning then reverted to what occurred during the night in Gittings home.

Q—"Did you stay with the girl alone all night?"

A—"No."

Q—"Any time?"

A—"Only for a few minutes."

Q—"Did you put your hands on the girl during the night?"

A—"No, I never touched her. I never done nothing to her."

Q—"Were you awake all night?"

A—"Yes."

Q—"Was the girl awake all night?"

A—"Yes."

Q—"Was the girl on the couch at any time?"

A—"No. I was alone. Catherine sat in a chair."

Q—"You mean to say that you were on the couch resting a id let

## MOTHER OF 11, HARDING FREED, DONE WITH RUM

Made and Sold It to Feed Children—Husband and Sons Have Jobs Now.

By Cosmopolitan News Service.

MUSKOGEE, Mich., Oct. 10.—Mrs. Anna Hoyer, mother of eleven children, whose six-month sentence for violation of the dry law was commuted by President Harding after she served three months, is home here today.

Her plea in the name of her thirteen-month-old baby, who went to prison with her, and the unborn babe expected soon, won the interest of the President. Notice of the commutation was received by prison officials from Attorney General Daugherty.

Mrs. Hoyer, explaining the act that led to her conviction, said her husband and boys were out of work, and the children crying for food, and only as a last measure did she resort to manufacturing and selling liquor.

"I had learned how to make whiskey in Poland, so I tried it. I sold it only to friends of the family. One night an officer came. Needing the money I sold him some. I was arrested. They tried to take my baby away from me. I refused to leave it."

Mrs. Hoyer said she could not thank President Harding enough for his interest in her case.

"My husband and boys are now working and I will not need to help feed the family," she concluded.

ADMIRAL LATIMER TELLS LEGAL METHODS IN NAVY

Legal operations in the United States Navy were graphically explained last night when members of the Federal Bar Association held their first meeting of the season. In order that lawyers may better understand the practice of the several Federal divisions, these gatherings will be conducted in various offices, and last evening was "Navy night."

Mr. Admiral J. L. Latimer, judge advocate general, spoke on "Legal Methods in the Administration of Justice in the Navy." A. E. Shoemaker, attorney in the office of the departmental solicitor, and Pickens Neagle, solicitor, also made addresses.

this little girl sit up all night in a chair?"

"Yes."

Caroline Tucker was recalled to the stand after testifying. She told again of the ride with Catherine and Lyles. She added to her first testimony this statement: "Lyles told me when was riding with them that he was going to bleach Catherine's hair. He also promised to buy her some clothes and give her \$30 a week. He said he would bring me up to see her every day."

Denies Lyles' Statements.

Catherine also was brought back to the stand. She denied practically every statement of importance made by Lyles.

Another witness was Mrs. Martha Lyles, wife of the defendant, who declared she believed him innocent, adding "or I wouldn't continue living with him." A boy named Jack German was called by the defense, and asked whether he and other boys were swimming with Catherine the day after she left Gittings' home.

German said no. No further questions were put to him. Other witnesses were Jack Gittings, Thomas Bonifort, Joseph Dreder, Mrs. Joseph Dreder, Leroy Waters, Elmer Bailey, William Emmitt and Mrs. Lydia Glories.

## FRENCH ANGRY AT U. S. RULING ON SHIP LIQUOR

Charge That Daugherty Plan Is Interference With Freedom of Seas.

By International News Service.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—French merchant marine officials today appealed to Premier Poincare to make formal protest to the United States against Attorney General Daugherty's ruling that no ships carrying liquor shall enter the three-mile zone off the American coast.

The French charge that the American liquor ruling violates the freedom of the seas and interferes with the French law allowing a portion of wine to be served daily as part of the food of French sailors.

The French are threatening customs reprisals against the United States for losses accruing to French commerce as a result of the ruling.

Formal request will be made that the ruling be held in abeyance until diplomatic conversations can be held in an effort to reach amicable adjustment.

French maritime officials are angered over the American action, and it is feared that it will be difficult to obtain seamen to man ships if the sailors are not allowed to get value accustomed wine while in American ports.

English Threaten Reprisal.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—Representatives of shipping companies plying the Baltic sea and the North Atlantic coast met here today to take action to combat the American Government's ruling that ships carrying liquor shall not enter American ports.

Those attending the meeting would not say what action was under consideration, but it was intimated that reprisals would be suggested.

The foreign office announced today that it would send a formal communication to Washington as soon as the Daugherty ruling had been studied in detail.

## D. C. TAX BILLS ARE READY FOR HOUSEHOLDERS

Sixty Thousand to Pay for First Time Under New Rates.

Sixty thousand tax bills are ready today at the office of Tax Collector Chatham M. Towers for as many property owners of the District. These are the first bills to carry the new rate of \$1.30 per \$100 on a full valuation.

Under the last District appropriation bill, taxes are due, one half in May and the other half in November.

Urges Full Payment.

The bills carry the full amount of the tax. Mr. Towers urges that as much as possible pay the full amount due and not wait until next May. In this way, he says, much trouble and confusion will be avoided both for the collector's office and for the taxpayer.

Householders, whose taxes run from \$40 to \$75 are expected to pay the full amount, because of the small sum involved, but persons owning or controlling large estates and properties that are scattered over the District will, it is believed, pay only the half due next month. In such cases large sums are involved and the owners would no doubt be loathe to part with so much money until forced, under the law, to do so.

Personal Taxes Next.

Taxes were formerly due in May and the rate for the last year was \$1.82 per \$100 on a two-third valuation.

Mr. Towers announces that personal taxes will also become due next month. They will be collected in the same manner as the tax on real estate, and one-half in May.

To arrive at the new valuation on local property, the tax assessor's office has used the ledger valuation placed on the properties without last biennial assessment. A new assessment is being made now. It will be open for review on January 1 next and become effective at the end of the fiscal year, July 30, next.

## Wife Has To Remind Spens Of His Own Empty Coal Bin

Federal Fuel Distributor Conrad E. Spens reclined in his chair at his office today and breathed a sigh of relief.

"Smatter?" inquired a visitor.

"I got it, I got it," Spens replied with the happiness of a child who has just received a much-coveted toy.

"Got what?" asked the mystified visitor.

"Three tons of coal," said Spens.

It developed that Spens received a letter from his wife upbraiding him for distributing millions of tons of coal while his own bin was empty. After much scurrying around Spens gathered three tons of coal to keep the home-fire burning.

## ESTIMATE CUT IN STATIONERY HITS SCHOOLS

Pupils May Have to Supply Paper Soon, Officials Announced.

The public schools are beginning to feel the pinch in another direction. Having almost exhausted the appropriation for stationery which was arbitrarily cut by Congress from \$150,000 to \$100,000, school officials announce that the pupils will probably have to purchase their own stationery after the first of the year.

In an effort to spread the appropriation over as long a period as possible, the children were ordered to write on both sides of the paper; teachers were given no desk books; old books were furnished the pupils and new books no longer have paper covers to protect them from use.

This system may have worked satisfactorily last year, but the increase in attendance this year has been out of proportion to the increase in appropriations. It is pointed out that by the middle of next month the attendance is expected to pass the 67,000 mark, which is said to be the largest proportional increase the schools have ever shown.

New additions are now being equipped with furniture at the Metropolitan, Wheatley and Gingsman schools. They will probably be ready for use next week. The Bell school will not be completed until early next year. The Deannwood, Monroe and Buchanan schools are nearing completion.

## PARIS VENDORS RULED BY QUEEN OF RAGPICKERS

Her Subjects Celebrate Ministerial Decree Legalizing Their Union.

International News Service.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—"For I am queen of the Flea Market," proclaimed pretty Berthe Boignon from her gilded chariot as she drove by her subjects, the second-hand dealers who hold their "Marche aux Puces" every Sunday and Monday on top of the windy fortifications of old Paris.

Queen of Ragpickers.

We have seen the queen of the Mi-Carême, the queen of the typists, the queens of Alsace and Lorraine and countless others, and now comes the queen of the ragpickers, chosen from among the hundreds of young merchants and clerks of the "rag-pickers' Union." This is a gala day, for the union of the ragpickers has just been made legal. "Fin!" the uncertain in which the second-hand dealers have been living and carrying on their business. For ten years at least every ragpicker has been a "Marche aux Puces" and she points to the freshly-made sign which reads:

"Consigne, no noise! Order and cleanliness in the law."

Bargains in Junk.

"Second-hand toothbrushes, rusty nails and locks, old stoves and bedsteads and bric-a-brac of every description are to be found in due heap all the way from the Port de Montreuil to Porte Vincennes. Here and there are great piles of underwear, overalls, and khaki blouses left over from the war—all guarded over by hard-looking Montmartre types—women with brightly painted cheeks and elaborate coiffures, with high combs; men with old and wrinkled faces, but always cheerful.

The man with the corn removers is on hand, selling plaster as fast as he can take the money. "Your money back, mesdames, if your corns are not gone by next Sunday. You'll find me in this same spot," he cries, all the while fingering his plateful of corns that came from the toes of many suffering women.

A Hopeful Seeker.

One old man goes hobbling along from one rummage pile to another searching a mate for his one-eyed spectacles. "Tres difficile—tres difficile, monsieur," reply the vendors, without much hope. But the old man goes on with determination in the shuffle of buyers carrying off their trophies—lamps, a precious (?) painting, old trousers, with, no doubt, a few "beasts" among them, for this is the Flea Market, remember.

Rummage-rummage, messieurs, mesdames! You will find some good bargains in the pile!" All is gay, and there are more fried potatoes and fish than ever in the little lunch places scattered along, for this is the "Queen's Day" at the famous Marche aux Puces.

## COAL PRICE FIXED IS MAXIMUM RATE ONLY

To correct the impression that has gone forth that the local coal merchants must sell anthracite coal at the price of \$16.50, it was announced today by the Public Utilities Commission that the rate in question is the maximum and dealers may sell at less than that figure if they can.

According to the daily reports of sales being filed with the commission by the dealers, the average being charged consumers here is about \$15.50, or \$1 less than the maximum fixed by the commission.

The difference in price, it is said, is attributable to the fact that some dealers pay more for their coal at mines than others.

## Escadrille Leader Is Now Air Attache In Capital



CAPT. GEORGES THENAULT, Commander of the famous Lafayette Escadrille during the war, and now air attache at the French embassy here. Captain Thenault recently made a flight from Bolling Field, Washington, to Detroit.

## 'SAFETY FIRST' FOR WORKERS PAYS, HE SAYS

Judge Gary Tells of Millions Now Spent on Industrial Welfare.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—"Safety first" is not only a humanitarian slogan, but an economic one, Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, declared in an address before the Merchants' Association of New York today in connection with the observance of "safety week" here.

Many large business firms, Judge Gary said, are spending millions annually in the promulgation of safety and general welfare plans. Solely aside from the question of right, which Judge Gary declared was reason enough for the expenditures, the proposition "pays in dollars and cents."

"The proposition now engaging our thought and action," Judge Gary said, "is first of all one of humanity, but it is also economic. A nation which decreases deaths and injuries by accidents is in the highest and best sense conserving its resources."

Newspapers, Judge Gary asserted, are "rendering a great service to humanity" by publishing accounts of accidents, thus emphasizing the exercise of most caution on the part of the individual.

## NEPHEW OF CARRANZA KILLED; SECOND TAKEN

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 10.—Confirmation of the capture of Gen. Alberto Salinas, nephew of former President Carranza, and right-hand man of the Mexican rebel chief, was received today by his wife from her brother-in-law, Gen. Gustavo Salinas, loyal Obregonista, in Mexico City.

General Salinas was captured several days ago when federal forces routed a band of rebels under Murguia at Huachec Basin. General Salinas' brother, Leopoldo, was killed in the raid.

## MAN OUT FOR STROLL SLASHED WITH RAZOR

Charged with slashing the face of James M. Taunnehill, 1254 C street northeast, James Thompson, colored, was held for the grand jury in \$500 bonds when arraigned before Judge Hardison in Police Court today.

Taunnehill declared that while walking on Warren street northeast, Saturday, Thompson took out a razor and made a long gash in his cheek, the same time cutting the brim of his hat. Thompson offered an alibi, but was held for the grand jury on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

## CHILDS TELLS ABOUT 'CHAIN' RESTAURANTS

Doorsteps and Ways to Cut Meat Also Figure in Program at Convention.

The doorstep of the restaurant is most important and so delegates to the convention of the National Restaurant Association in Convention Hall were told today by Leon V. Solon, of New York, artistic director of the Association of Tile Manufacturers.

"When customers are about to enter a restaurant their first look at the doorstep," said Solon, "and from this step they decide whether they will get their money's worth inside."

William Child, of the Childs Restaurant Company, of New York, told how this chain originated. He said the sole idea at first was to present a homelike atmosphere, but later, for this reason white tile walls were adopted. Later, however, the management of the restaurants had decided that the sanitation idea may be kept as well if soft colors are used along with white.

Other speakers today were Marion Manzer, of St. Louis; P. D. Briggs, of New York, and Harry H. Miller, of Pittsburgh.

This afternoon the president of the association will hold a reception for members of the diplomatic corps in Washington.

## MEXICAN COURT GRANTS STAY TO REBELS IN JAIL

By International News Service.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 10.—The execution of Leopoldo and Alberto Salinas, brothers, who had been found guilty by a court martial of aiding the rebel leader Francisco Murguia, was ordered suspended today by War Secretary Serrano.

The suspension resulted from a stay granted by a judge of the Durango branch of the federal court. A copy of the court order was telegraphed to Gen. Eugenio Martinez, commander of the Chihuahua military zone.

The Salinas brothers were recently captured while federal troops were engaged against Murguia's rebels. They were said to be Murguia's chief aides. Their mother visited President Obregon, making a plea for executive clemency, but in the meantime the Durango court acted.

## THREE RAISED IN RANK IN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lieut. J. R. Groves was today promoted to be a captain in the Metropolitan Fire Department. Several other promotions were also made by the District Commissioners on recommendation of Fire Chief George Watson.

Sergt. W. G. Parater was promoted to Lieutenant; Private S. L. Gallahan was promoted to sergeant, and Harvey Beddoo appointed a private in Class 1.

Captain Groves was formerly with No. 9 truck company. He will now be assigned to No. 24, and be succeeded at No. 9 by Lieutenant Parater, who has been attached to No. 23 engine company.

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### ABNER-DRURY

MAGRUDER'S Connecticut Avenue and K Street.

Where quality groceries and delicacies are stocked for the discriminating hostess—ABNER-DRURY Ginger Ale has first favor among beverages.